Vanquishing the VPD

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We are beginning a new year. Traditionally, this is a time for reflection as well as anticipation. As I reflect on 2006, we at the FAA would like to congratulate all of the airport managers and staff, who receive this newsletter, for their efforts in dramatically lowering the number of vehicle/pedestrian deviations in the Western-Pacific Region. Because of your hard work, the total number of V/PDs occurring in the Western-Pacific Region has decreased by 45% in the calendar year 2006 when compared to the calendar year 2005. A job well done! Our anticipation for the year 2007 is very optimistic for continued improvement in safe airport operations.

*The statistics speak for themselves:

AIRPORT	V/PDs in 2005	V/PDs in 2006	NET CHANGE
BUR	1	1	0
CCR	1	1	0
CIC	1	1	0
CMA	4	4	0
CNO	4	4	0
CRQ	1	0	-1
DVT	3	0	-3
EKO	1	0	-1

AIRPORT	V/PDs in 2005	V/PDs in 2006	NET CHANGE
EMT	1	1	0
FFZ	3	1	-2
HHR	3	1	-2
HNL	2	1	-1
LAS	1	0	-1
LAX	2	0	-2
LGB	6	0	-6
MHR	1	0	-1
MYF	3	0	-3
OAK	2	0	-2
ONT	2	1	-1
PAO	2	0	-2
PHX	3	1	-2
PRC	2	0	-2
RHV	1	1	0
RNO	2	1	-1
SAN	2	0	-2
SBA	1	0	-1
SDL	1	1	0
SEE	1	1	0
SJC	3	1	-2
SMO	3	1	-2
STS	2	1	-1
TUS	1	0	-1
VGT	4	1	-3
VNY	2	1	-1
10 Airports with an Increase in V/PDs	5	16	+11
TOTALS	77	42	-35 (-45%)

*All statistical data supplied by the National Runway Safety Program database.

What has caused this dramatic drop in Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations?

- Effective training programs for airport employees, emergency responders, construction crews and tenants.

- Tighter security and escort procedures.

- A system of consequences.

- Hard work and innovative thinking on the part of airport employees.

- Understanding that V/PDs are unacceptable, avoidable and everyone's responsibility.

Congratulations to all the airport employees in the Western-Pacific Region and may we all continue working towards a safe, Happy New Year in 2007.

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